TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP NOVEMBER 10, 2019

As the prelude begins, let us observe silence as we prayerfully anticipate this hour of corporate worship of Almighty God.

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude on "Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ"* …….J. S. Bach
(I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ)

*Call to Worship

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Jesus also said to the people, and He says to us even today, "You are the light of the world."

"A Town build on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

*Invocation

*Hymn 80 ***Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Ministry Moment: Celebrate Recovery

Anthem: *This Love that Surpasses Knowledge* ……..Mark Hijleh

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12: 1-9
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

***Doxology**

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Chorale Prelude on "Vater unser im Himmelreich"* ……J. S. Bach
(Our Father, who art in Heaven)

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are enamored with ourselves. We fight for rights that are primarily for us rather than others. We work diligently to gain more for ourselves when we see so many who have so little. We are typically far more interested in being served than in serving. Forgive us for the self-centered spirit that drives us. Open our hearts to Christ that we might be more interested in giving than receiving, more interested in submitting than controlling. Through Christ's mercy we claim the pardon You offer us that when we confess our sins, You are faithful to forgive us our sins. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord's Prayer**

Please feel free to use the altar as your place of prayer as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father. If kneeling is difficult for you, please use the red chairs or stand by the altar rail.

Song of Response: ***Holy Spirit***

*New Testament Reading: John 15:18-16:4
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 197 ***Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart***

Sermon: **The Tension of God's Presence in This World**
Pastor Wes Oden

*Hymn 55 ***Come, Thou Almighty King***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Prelude in F major* ……...Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

*Please stand if able
Organist: Judy Congdon
Worship Leader: Jessica Romance
Acolyte: Joseph Derck

The rose on the pulpit celebrates the birth of Andrew Luke Zambrano on September 3, 2019 to parents Dan and Amanda and big brother Alexander.

NURSERY: We provide a fully staffed nursery for infants up to two years of age. The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Christian Education Building and is available during services.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Preschool Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon: they meet in the Nursery (Christian Education Building)

There are **KID'S BAGS AND BIBLES** available in the bookshelf on the left side of the foyer next to the Men's restroom.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist calls us to praise God with all our might and with every instrument available to us. We are here today to offer the praise of our voices, hands, eyes and ears and to surrender all that we are the Almighty God who creates us and loves us.

All packed **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** are due **today**. Please drop them off at the Community Room foyer.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Pastor Wes will preach about *What Does It Mean to Witness for Jesus?* (Romans 10:14-15).

PRAYER VIGIL EVENT: We are now one week into our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil. Times are available for you to reserve in the prayer room, which may be done online anytime (www.hwchurch.org) or in either the sanctuary or CE building foyers this morning. Call the church office if you need assistance (567-2264). Security personnel are available at the church (Midnight – 4:00am). During the night hours please enter the front doors that face Rte 19.

FOOD PANTRY: Our annual food collection will take place on Sunday morning, **November 24**. Please bring items for the food pantry to church that morning. During this past year, we have helped 290 people in 89 families. Donated food items or monetary contributions are gratefully accepted.

MISSION MOMENT – Sylvia Christensen departs Jakarta today, after Bible translation consultations Malaku Province, Indonesia. She's thankful for steady health and traveling mercies over the weeks and miles away from Houghton. We uphold Sylvia and John in their long-term commitment to making the Word of God being available in heart languages.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Pastor Raymond Koh, still missing, was abducted almost three years ago in Indonesia. Malaysia's Human Rights Commission is seeking justice and answers. In Malaysia where leaving Islam leads to severe punishment, pray for Christians to lift Jesus up in words and actions. (Voice of the Martyrs).

PRAYER GROUP – Wednesday, 6:30 -7:30 pm. in Room 9 below the sanctuary.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY meets Thursdays from 7-9 pm in the Good Shepherd Room beneath the sanctuary.

STEWARDSHIP
Received (June 1—Present): $ 326,197.01
Budgeted (June 1—Present): $ 355,753.19

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Diane Emmons, Chris Stewart, Karen Szymanski, Phyllis Osgood, Cindy Lastoria, Leonard Watson, Annajean McClarin (Janet Stegen's aunt), Jerry Isaman (Joe Breton's step-father), Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Paulette Schierer, Ruby Schierer Williams, Elly Plaza (Alejandra Koch's sister), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Debbie Alderman Wilson, The Marsh Family, Jon Retz, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bob Brown, Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Bethie Liddick, Bev Rhett, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Eila Shea, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our government; for Hillside Wesleyan Church (Pastor Dan Todd).

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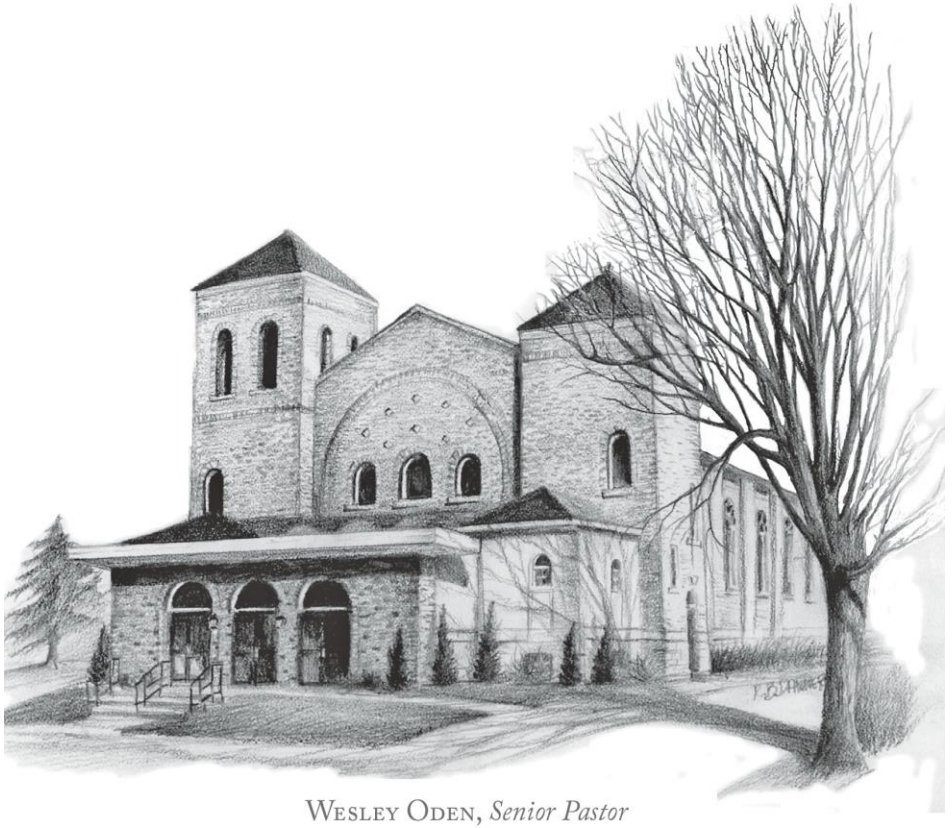
Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others



Wesley Oden, *Senior Pastor*
Jon Cole, *Youth Pastor*
Cindy Oden, *Assistant Pastor*
Paul Shea, *Assistant Pastor*
Amanda Cox, *Music and Worship Director*
Emily Spateholts, *Director of Children's Ministry*
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IT'S FOR EVERYONE

We all face hurts, hang-ups, habits and struggles of life throughout our lives. Oftentimes, we feel alone and isolated during these times. Celebrate Recovery provides warm, accepting, non-judgmental support that not only helps us recover from our dark times but find victory through the healing power of Jesus Christ.

Although Celebrate Recovery is Christ-centered, based on sound Biblical principles, persons are welcomed from all faith backgrounds, or none at all. We are here for all types of life's hurts and destructive behaviors including, but not limited to, anger, depression, isolation, perfectionism, workaholism, grief due to the death of a loved one including miscarriages, still births and prior abortions, separation or divorce, employment and unemployment issues, other types of losses, prodigal children, childhood or current physical, mental/emotional or spiritual abuse, substance abuse, sexual addiction, gambling, overspending, food addiction, control issues, lying, procrastination, hurtful relationships and much, much more.

Celebrate Recovery began in 1991 at Saddleback Church in California and now meets in over 35,000 churches around the world. It is also growing in recovery houses, universities, rescue missions, and jails and prisons, To date over 5 million individuals have completed a Step Study. We are a part of something much larger than one church's Celebrate Recovery. We are part of a movement that God is blessing.

Meeting Format

Celebrate Recovery groups meet each week, all year round. The ministry consists of three primary components. Two segments are held each week, along with fellowship that can include conversation and simple snacks to meals, depending on the group. The first is a large group time, normally about an hour, that starts with music to help one transition from the struggles going on around us on the outside to the calm inside at Celebrate Recovery. This is followed by announcements, alternating weeks of lessons and personal testimonies of what others have faced and how they have overcome their adversities and traumas. Many of these hurts may go all the way back to early childhood.

A second hour is comprised of small groups, separate gatherings for men and women, in which participants can share about what is going on in their lives – or not share at all—in a safe, confidential group. What is shared in the group stays in the group. Depending on the number of participants at a Celebrate Recovery location, life issues small groups may be divided further into more focused same-gender gatherings, such as anger, codependency, chemical addictions, gambling, sexual abuse or addiction, and more.

A third component, conducted at another time during the week, is Step Study groups. These are held when there are sufficient participants who want to go deeper into their life issues and traumas and really work at digging out the root causes. These groups generally meet for a full year, with solid bonds being developed as individuals share their struggles and receive mutual support for healing. A Step Study group is presently meeting for women.

Houghton Celebrate Recovery presently meets in the Good Shepherd Room beneath the sanctuary on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00. The best way to discover if CR is for you, is to come and experience it! Come and check us out!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 24

On Sunday, November 24, we will collect food for the Food Pantry at all three services.
While we accept food donations of all kinds, due to space limitations and to help us run the pantry more efficiently, please limit your donations to the items on the following list when shopping.

-Pasta
-Spaghetti sauce*
-Macaroni & cheese
-Canned tuna
-Canned chicken
-Ramen noodles
-Baked beans
-Canned chili
-Canned beef stew
-Soup
-Boxed rice
-Cereal
-Boxed oatmeal packets
-Canned fruit*
-Canned vegetables
-Peanut butter*
-Jelly or jam*
-Jarred applesauce
-Syrup*
-Granola bars
-Boxed pancake mix
-Canned pasta (Spaghettios, Ravioli)
-Boxed potato mixes
-Helpers (Hamburger, Tuna, Chicken)
-Fruit juices/juice boxes
-Snacks (cookies, crackers, jello, pudding, fruit snacks)

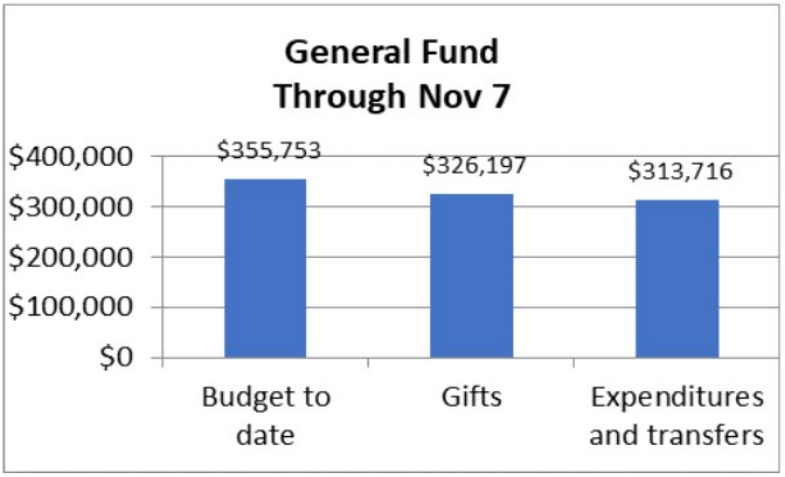
*An item with an asterisks donates a traditionally high need item.
**Due to health and safety concerns, we do not accept opened items or home-baked goods.
***We can also use your recycled plastic shopping bags if you would like to donate them.

NOTE: Monetary Donations (checks to Houghton Wesleyan Church with "FOOD PANTRY" on the Memo Line) provide fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, eggs, cheese, and milk, as well as emergency groceries for families in our community. The Food Pantry has a refrigerator and a freezer to store items.
NOTE: Perishable Pantry Donations may be brought to the church office throughout the year. Thank you for your continued donations!

STEWARDSHIP

-A Life of Generosity

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on God's grace to us as a body and as individuals. We have much to be thankful for. Everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We are free to give because our Heavenly Father freely gives. One way God uses us to bless others is through our giving to the church.

Among many other things, our giving to Houghton Wesleyan Church helps young people know about God's love and promises through the children and youth ministries; the Food Pantry provides nourishing food for families in need; the music ministry team helps us worship with relevant songs and beautiful music; and the missions ministry provides ongoing support and encouragement for missionaries.

Thank you for enabling all these things through your faithful support.